St Asaph City Council Events meeting

Tuesday 21st January 2020 10 am at the Translators' Tearoom. St Asaph Cathedral

Present: Cllrs Scott (Mayor), Roberts, Cowie, Hardie, Hodgkinson, Rust and Williams.

Also Present: Duncan & Janet Cameron

Apologies: None.

- The meeting was called to consider arrangements for VE Day 75 in St Asaph.
- E-mail from Tony Thomas, DCC, was discussed and the various ideas were considered:
  - Sponsored event to walk or run 75 miles before 8th May. Could encourage schools to take part.
  - Peal of bells – would need to ask the Dean, but assumed this would take place on Sunday.
  - 3pm Friday 8th at the time of Churchill's speech to the nation, the Mayor could lead a toast.
  - Sunday – a service in the Cathedral to include the Brownies, Guides and Armed Forces – followed by a procession to the Cenotaph. The road would need to be closed.
  - We would need to contact our standard bearer. Also arrange a bugler.
  - Saturday 9th May – 1945 Themed Tea Party on the lawn (possibly at the Parish Church).
  - Could encourage the estates to hold their own Street Party.
  - Could encourage the businesses on the High Street to take part and put on their own themed events – residents and visitors could visit each or as many of these events as they wish, making it a whole City event.
  - Would need bunting – possible Union Jack & Ddraig Goch.
  - Could light beacons (stored at the football club and in the Cathedral Tower.
  - Fireworks – options were discussed suggested time 9.45 pm either Friday or Saturday. Contact Lockstock.
  - Encourage everyone to take part and wear 1945 dress.
  - Could have a window dressing competition with a bottle of champers as the prize.
  - Clerk to write to Mark Budd and ask about the use of his services/sound system.
  - Clerk to write to DCC and ask about permissions/road closures/costs etc
  - Clerk to write to JTM signs re costs signs etc.
  - Suggestion that if some estates or roads do not have a grassed area and do not wish to go through the procedures for road closure, they could have a table on the area of the Common opposite the Doctors' surgeries – a table for each street.
  - RW/PS & JR could check with schools about their involvement.
  - Clerk to contact Libby from the Fire Service for advice/consent re: beacons and fireworks.

- Could play a recording or Churchill's speech at 3 pm Friday.
- Anyone who has memories of VE day could be guests of honour.
- Ask the Library about photographic/memorabilia display.
- Could have a screen with projection of memories as a loop.
- For the Tea Dance we could have expert dancers (Colin, Gwenda, Glenys) to get people up to dance.
- Could have dance classes to get up to speed for six weeks beforehand. Catholic church hall is a possible venue.
- Spring Gardens may be a possible alternative venue.
- Ask Guardians of Kentigern if they would like to get involved.
- Appeal to Business Park to sponsor events.
- Approach WI and Merched y Wawr re yarn bombing the bollards and making bunting. Brownies and Guides could also help.
- Clerk to contact Andrew Thomas re memorabilia displays etc.
- Home Guard.
- Contact businesses to see how they would like to be involved – perhaps an event in their premises or sponsorship.
- Duncan and Janet will contact Michael Parry Jones re: photographs for display.
- Clerk to draw up task list.
- After the meeting there was a suggestion to have outdoor cinema showing WW2 film.

Next meeting 19th February 2020 at 10 am at the Cathedral Tearoom